

# **The South Carolina Diabetes Coalition**

## **Principles of Organization**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the South Carolina Diabetes Coalition is to share information aimed at increasing awareness, disseminating science-based information, and providing support for community based activities to reduce the incidence of diabetes and its related mortality and morbidity in South Carolina.

**The Organization:** The membership of the coalition will consist of both providers, those affected with diabetes, community advocates, and public and private agencies and organizations whose mission, in whole or in part is to serve those affected with diabetes or those at risk for the development of diabetes.

**Meetings:** The coalition shall meet at least annually with a date determined by its organizing body.

**Governance:** The organizing body of the Coalition will elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary/treasurer and any other officer deemed necessary. These officers and a representative from each of the regional and chapter coalitions shall make up the coalition's Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall have responsibility for conducting the business of the coalition between regularly scheduled meetings.

**Membership:** The organizing body shall determine Membership in the coalition and any and all classifications of membership. This shall include voting privileges and the rights and responsibilities of members as they relate to the business of the coalition. The organizing body shall further be empowered within this process to develop documents and plans for determining further governance of the coalition as deemed necessary.

**Responsible Agency:** For the purposes of the coalition and to conduct business functions, the Diabetes Control Program of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in collaboration with the Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina shall serve as the lead agency. All local coalitions are expected to share their meeting minutes, resources, other locally produced documents (flyers, brochures, etc.), and concerns with the responsible agency.